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Biography

WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN, JR., was born in Philadelphia, Pa., March 5, 1910; attended the parochial schools and was graduated from St. Joseph's Preparatory School; attended St. Joseph's College, Philadelphia, Pa.; engaged in business as an insurance broker in Philadelphia, Pa., in 1937; during World War II served in the United States Army as a private in the Quartermaster Corps from March 22, 1944, to December 4, 1944; elected as a Democrat to the Seventy-ninth Congress (January 3, 1945, to January 3, 1947); unsuccessful for reelection in 1946 to the Eightieth Congress; elected to the Eighty-first and to the seven succeeding Congresses, and served from January 3, 1949, until his death in Philadelphia, Pa., December 21, 1963; interment in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorial Services
for
William J. Green, Jr.

Proceedings in the House

FRIDAY, *December 20, 1963.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Luke 1: 32: *He will be great and shall be called the Son of the Most High.*

O Thou God of all grace and goodness may we daily unite our hearts in adoration and gratitude as we contemplate the significance and splendor of that great day when Thou gavest Thine only begotten Son to be the world's Saviour.

We frankly acknowledge that during the past weeks we have spent much time in thinking about giving gifts to our loved ones and friends, and the poor and needy.

God forbid that we should ever be numbered among those who lose sight of the gospel truth that on Christmas Day Thou also dost expect a gift from us. May we plan and resolve to give unto Thee our very selves which Thou dost consider an acceptable gift.

Grant that it may be our heartfelt desire and determination to give ourselves so completely that our lives may be of greater value than they have been in the past in the adventure of establishing peace on earth and good will among men.

We thank Thee for the life and service of our beloved colleague who now dwells with Thee in heavenly bliss. Grant unto the members of his bereaved family the consolations of Thy grace.

Now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to announce to the House that our dear friend and colleague, Honorable WILLIAM GREEN, passed away at 2:40 a.m. this morning. As most of us knew, BILL GREEN had been very seriously ill for

some days. Even though I knew how grave his condition had become, his passing comes as a great shock.

We shall miss him greatly for he was one of our true leaders and a warm and kindly friend of all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to his widow and his children.

Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints as members of the funeral committee the following Members on the part of the House: Mr. Morgan, Mr. Keogh, Mr. Mills, Mr. King of California, Mr. Rooney of New York, Mr. Corbett, Mr. Fulton of Pennsylvania, Mr. Boggs, Mr. Dague, Mr. Barrett, Mr. Rhodes of Pennsylvania, Mr. Rodino, Mr. Saylor, Mr. Byrne of Pennsylvania, Mr. Flood, Mr. Clark, Mr. Holland, Mr. Curtin, Mr. Dent, Mr. Nix, Mr. Milliken, Mr. Moorhead, Mr. Toll, Mr. Schneebeli, Mr. Whalley, Mr. Goodling, Mr. Schweiker, Mr. Kunkel, Mr. McDade, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Rooney of Pennsylvania, Mr. Johnson of Pennsylvania.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn until 12 o'clock noon today.

The resolution was agreed to.

WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR.

A message from the Senate announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Senate had heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN, late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the Senate do now adjourn until 12 noon today.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m. on Saturday, December 21, 1963), the House adjourned until 12 o'clock noon on Saturday, December 21, 1963.

Memorial Addresses

Remarks by Representative Morgan

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, we are gathered here today to pay tribute to the memory of a beloved colleague whose career came to an untimely end on last December 21. On March 5, 1910, WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN, JR., entered this world in the city of Philadelphia, born of parents of modest means. BILL grew up in the city of his birth, attending local parochial schools and later studying at St. Joseph's College.

Young BILL GREEN followed his academic training with firsthand experience which began on the ground floor of politics. Long before he was old enough to cast his first vote, he was taking an active interest and part in local political activities. Through the years, he worked his way upward, holding two State positions and serving as leader in the 33d ward in Philadelphia. BILL was first elected to Congress in 1944. He eventually became an influential member of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. BILL never lost sight of his local responsibilities during his service in Washington. Concurrent with the reform Democratic movement in Philadelphia in 1953, he was elected chairman of the Democratic organization and in the past decade proved the most able leader the city has ever had.

It has been my honor and privilege to number myself among BILL GREEN'S close personal friends. During the nightlong session of the House on December 21, it was my sad duty to announce his passing, which I did with a deep sense of personal loss and grief. I know that all Members who heard me shared my feeling of shock and bereavement, for during his long tenure of office BILL had won close and devoted friends in all who came to know him.

BILL GREEN epitomized the best in American political life. He was a man devoted to his family and to his religion. He had early dedicated himself to public service and made it his way of life. Throughout, BILL demonstrated a rare native ability, which developed and grew with the years. His innate honesty and integrity inspired faith and confidence in those with whom he worked. With these traits, plus his genuine liking for his fellow man and his eagerness to render constructive public service, it is no wonder that BILL was acclaimed as the greatest and strongest leader in the city of Philadelphia, as well as one of the truly outstanding leaders and statesmen in the Congress here in Washington.

During his long years in this House, BILL became known as a fearless champion of the rights of the laboring man and a stanch supporter and author of many constructive measures. His high level of leadership led him into close personal contact that developed into warm personal friendship with Presidents Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson, all of whom trusted, admired, and liked him. His sage political advice was sought by many.

As I look back on the long years of our service together, I feel that my own life is the better for having known and associated with BILL GREEN. I learned much from him and from the example he gave to those who followed his career in public life. In joining today in tribute to the memory of this great American and warm personal friend, we are saddened to realize that his career was so abruptly ended while he was still so young—that we had every reason to expect him to be with us for many, many more years of fruitful accomplishment for his State and country.

I know it must be a source of consolation to his widow and children to know that his colleagues have gained inspiration from the career of their husband and father and for years to come we will continue to benefit from our memories of his patient wisdom, his legislative skill, and his many other sterling qualities which made him a truly great American.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I join the gentleman from Pennsylvania and his colleagues from his great State in expressing my deep, personal grief at the passing of our late colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR.

BILL GREEN was a man of unusual ability and unique talents. He was a great and knowledgeable legislator. He was a competent and dependable member of the Committee on Ways and Means. He was one of the most effective political leaders and organizers of our time. He was chairman of his party organization in one of the largest cities in the country—the great historic city of Philadelphia. He was a most effective leader in the campaign that led to the nomination and election of John Fitzgerald Kennedy as President of the United States.

BILL GREEN was a big man. A partisan politician, his politics were never petty or personal. His warm friendship touched every human being who knew him. It knew no party aisle.

BILL GREEN was a great progressive legislator. His political strength was based primarily upon his compassion for and his interest in his fellow man. He understood the problems and the issues of his day and he made a lasting contribution to the welfare of his generation and generations to follow. Strong, intelligent, resourceful but reasonable and always friendly, BILL GREEN was a man who stood out in this House and in this country as one of the strong men of our time. We will all miss him. The great City of Brotherly Love has lost a true champion. This House, this Nation, the State of Pennsylvania and the Fifth Congressional District have lost a most valuable public servant.

Mrs. Albert joins me in extending to Mrs. Green and all the family, neighbors, and friends of our late colleague our sincere sympathy in this time of their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Halleck

Of Indiana

Mr. HALLECK. I thank the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

The gentleman has referred to the fact that in the recent very late session held by the House it was his sad duty to announce the death of one of our colleagues.

I was shocked and grieved as anyone could be at the untimely passing of our beloved colleague BILL GREEN. At the time of the gentleman's announcement I spoke some of my innermost thoughts on the life and character of BILL GREEN. When I learned that a subsequent day was to be set aside for whatever we might wish to say I did not put my remarks on that occasion in the Record.

I am sure the gentleman will obtain unanimous consent for all of us to extend our remarks, and that I shall do in connection with the remarks I heretofore made.

But on this occasion, Mr. Speaker, I want to add this as a personal tribute from Charley Halleck, of Indiana, the Republican leader here in the House. I have often said that we have the center aisle that divides us politically, but to me one of the greatest experiences of my service here has come from the friendships, the very deep, warm friendships that I have been privileged to have without regard to that center aisle. Very properly it has been said here by those who have spoken from the Democratic side of the aisle that BILL GREEN was for his political party a magnificent, effective leader. We on this side have been on the receiving end of some of that, and we respected him for the effective manner in which he fought for his convictions. No one of us ever resented that. I think even sometimes in defeat we rather gloried in the fact that he was able to do the things he set out to do, but in a more personal vein I just want to make it clear for the record that I considered BILL GREEN one of

the finest friends I have ever had here in the House of Representatives, and that covers a span of some 29 years. It was my great privilege to go to a little affair with him that he and one of our colleagues on our side of the aisle sponsored for one of the distinguished Members here in the House of Representatives. That fine gesture on BILL GREEN'S part was typical of the great friend that he was for all of us. There he demonstrated the hospitality, the friendliness, and the good will that characterized him all of his life. I recall that recently, while in a gathering with President Johnson, I mentioned to him the fact that we had been at the party which took place not too long before our colleague's fatal illness. He said, "I just wish someone had thought to send me an invitation." I am very sure he would have been there, because, like all of us, I am confident he had only the highest respect for BILL GREEN.

So, to his widow, to his children, and to all of his family and friends I say that I am just as sorry as I can be that he is no longer with us. And may God bless them all.

Remarks by Representative Barrett

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. BARRETT. Mr. Speaker, 1 month ago today, December 21, 1963, my very dear friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., passed away. Our Nation and this House lost a great and most capable leader.

To his mother, his devoted wife, Mary, and his children, Mrs. Barrett and I extend our heartfelt sympathies and humbly pray the Lord gives them the strength to understand His will.

Mr. Speaker, BILL GREEN was more than a colleague of mine. He was a loyal and devoted friend. Upon his broad shoulders he not only carried our political burdens, but took into his heart our personal problems. He was "always just around the corner" when we needed him and his talent to understand was insurmountable.

BILL, like I, was born in the City of Brotherly Love. He was educated in the Catholic schools; was graduated from St. Joseph's Prep School and also attended St. Joseph's College. As a profession, he chose to become an insurance broker. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was elected to his first term in the U.S. Congress when the 79th Congress convened on January 3, 1945. Except for the 80th Congress, Mr. GREEN was a valued Member of this House until his untimely passing.

It is self-evident that his political star would shine brightly for he was a leader of men. His destiny was chartered and great accomplishments would be his.

As a champion for the Democratic Party, he was unequaled and those who observed him knew without a question of a doubt that he would succeed in his mission. We all knew of his great admiration for our late President Kennedy, and of his devotion and loyalty to President Johnson. His

political star had reached the pinnacle. His destiny was fulfilled.

Mr. Speaker, our Nation has lost a greatly talented and humble man. Our Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has lost a favored son. Our city of Philadelphia has lost a noble warrior. I have lost a devoted friend.

In my grief, I pray for his loved ones. May they be comforted and blessed—and I hope they may find consolation in this verse from the Gospel of St. Luke, which so perfectly eulogizes Congressman BILL GREEN:

The good man from the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good.

Remarks by Representative Byrnes

Of Wisconsin

Mr. BYRNES. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues from Pennsylvania in paying tribute to our late colleague, BILL GREEN. We were all, of course, greatly saddened at his passing. BILL was a friend of all of us. He was an admired political leader, but as a political partisan he certainly did not permit that to dictate his friendships because he had as friends people of all political persuasions. All who knew him could not help but think of BILL GREEN as one of their friends.

BILL GREEN was a very able member of the Committee on Ways and Means. All of us on that committee who served with him, whether on his side or on the Republican side, admired him for his ability and his faithful service on that committee.

We will all miss BILL GREEN. I personally felt a great loss at his passing. Mrs. Byrnes joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative McCormack

Of Massachusetts

Mr. McCORMACK. Mr. Speaker, the story of BILL GREEN'S life is a Horatio Alger story, starting out with ambition and the courage to attain that ambition. His life was really representative of American institutions of government; the opportunity that everyone has under our form of government, if they have ambition, to get ahead, and if they have the courage and the determination to accomplish their ambition.

As we read the life of BILL GREEN, we know it is an example for young men and young ladies of America to follow, to take advantage of the opportunities that are offered under our form of government.

Mr. Speaker, we who served with BILL GREEN will always remember him. Our memory of him will always be a treasured one, because of the wonderful qualities that he possessed, the determination to take advantage of the opportunities offered to contribute in a constructive way not only to other human beings, but to our own Government.

Mr. Speaker, BILL GREEN was a man of deep faith. He believed in God and the truths of God. In his own way and in his own life he lived up to those truths. He was not a traditional believer. He firmly and strongly and actively believed in a God and in His word and in His law.

BILL GREEN also had deep faith in the American institutions of government. He exemplified that on so many occasions in and out of public life, and in his years of service in this Chamber, as we know who served with him. Reference has been made to his partisanship in politics but also to his fairness. That is a wonderful quality to possess, whether one is a Democrat or a Republican, because I like to see a man fight strongly for the principles and policies of his party, but do so in a fair and an honorable way.

My friend, the gentleman from Wisconsin, John Byrnes, has aptly and ably referred to that quality of our late friend, BILL GREEN.

The evidence of the respect that he enjoyed of his Democratic colleagues was shown some years ago when he was unanimously elected, by the Democratic caucus, a member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The evidence of respect was shown by the profound friendship that existed for BILL GREEN by all of his colleagues without regard to party or political affiliation.

The respect was also shown by the confidence that was reposed in him by Presidents of the United States. When a man occupies the office of President, whether Democrat or Republican, he commands my complete respect and my complete confidence. I might disagree occasionally with a President, but I would never have a lack of respect or lack of confidence in him, nor would I impugn the purity of his motives.

BILL GREEN enjoyed the complete confidence of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry Truman, Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy, and also Lyndon Johnson.

He was a wonderful husband, he was a wonderful father. He set an example for all to follow.

In his loss the House has sustained a great loss through the taking from our midst one of our most valuable Members. He was not the flashy type, he was not the sensational type, but he was one who worked quietly and effectively. He cooperated with his leadership in a manner that will always be a prominent part of my thoughts during the remainder of my life.

To Mrs. Green and her loved ones I extend my profound sympathy in their great loss and sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Flood

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, nearly 20 years ago the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Morgan], leading in this eulogy today, the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Barrett], the Speaker pro tempore at this moment, BILL GREEN, and myself came to this House. I represented the heart of the coalfield region, 120 miles to the northeast. BILL was a big-city boy. During these past 20 years the four of us have been very close indeed. It was a shattering moment late in December when the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Morgan] informed the House of the bad news of BILL GREEN's passing.

The final departure of WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., of the Pennsylvania Fifth District, is a serious loss, not only to those of us who knew, admired, and respected him for his talents as a Congressman, but also to the many thousands who valued his political accomplishments, even from afar.

Man and boy, BILL GREEN was a citizen of Philadelphia, and he burned with a desire to serve the needs of the people and strengthen the traditions of that fair city. And—in keeping with this desire—he had the capacity to comprehend the needs of the times and serve his constituents with unflagging energy and unswerving devotion.

Entering the political field following several years in the insurance business and a stretch in the Army, BILL GREEN proved himself, from the start, a tough campaigner, a man of vitality, and a fast, sharp thinker on all issues of major importance. In the election of 1944, at a time when Philadelphia was still under tight Republican control, he sought and secured the Democratic nomination for Congress. Then, to the astonishment of many, he proceeded to carry his district with a sizable majority.

In his first term in Washington, BILL GREEN established himself as a particularly effective legislator and a man to be

reckoned with at all times. Nineteen hundred and forty-six was a Republican year in Philadelphia, however, and BILL was unseated—but only for the moment. Rallying, he came back in 1948 to recapture the seat he had held previously and proceeded to hold it, thereafter, until death relieved him of the responsibility.

A graduate of St. Joseph's Prep School in Philadelphia, BILL never felt obliged to finish college and therefore never did. This did not, however, prevent him from acquiring an education, for, to my way of thinking, he seemed among the best educated men in Washington, in fields ranging from foreign policy to baseball, and back again.

As a private citizen, BILL was also an outstanding personality, acquiring, among other things, a lovely wife and six charming children. But to those of us who knew him in the political sphere, the suspicion was that regardless of his other talents, politics was a game at which he was undoubtedly a past master.

Entering the political struggle in a city that had been dominated by the opposition party for almost 70 consecutive years, BILL displayed a will and determination that was to provide the basis for a political revolution in Philadelphia.

He organized groups, started clubs, met and introduced new political workers, and in a short time was the head of a rapidly growing political organization. In no time, it seemed, he had brought together many diverse Democratic factions—to the point where victory seemed assured. The next thing we knew, BILL GREEN was a national figure, as a result of the fact that his organization, so long in the minority, had overwhelmed the Republican machine and taken control of city hall in the year 1955. From that point forward, until his death, BILL GREEN was recognized in the political world as a kingmaker, a partybuilder, and, in short, a first-class, unqualified winner. There are not too many of those people around today or, for that matter, any day whatever.

As a climax to his career, BILL GREEN took charge of the 1960 Democratic presidential campaign in Philadelphia, with the result that John F. Kennedy secured an astonishing ma-

jority in the city of 326,000 votes—the largest ever in Philadelphia political history.

Yes, we who admired the political ability of BILL GREEN will miss him dearly in the days ahead. And those of us—myself included—who knew and loved him as a person, will be doubly mournful. It was an honor to know him—an honor to work and serve with him—an honor in fact, to have lived in the same country with him.

Remarks by Representative Cahill

Of New Jersey

Mr. CAHILL. Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, while every Member of this House will undoubtedly miss the companionship of Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., no one I can assure the membership will miss him more than I will. During my 6 years in the House of Representatives Congressman GREEN had been one of my closest friends and greatest helpers. The friends that I have made, especially on the Democrat side of the House during the period I have been here, are the result in most instances of the unqualified imprimatur of Congressman BILL GREEN. Because he was my friend, his friends became my friends. Because he was my friend he attempted in every conceivable way to help me on the road to becoming a good Representative. Many doors were opened for me by BILL GREEN and I have learned much from him not only about politics but more importantly about our relationship with our fellow men and with the art of living. The more I knew of BILL GREEN the more I respected him. He possessed many unusual qualities. He was loyal, courageous, thoughtful, charitable, and above all, forgiving. BILL GREEN has had many fights in his political life but to my knowledge he never carried a single grudge.

I first became acquainted with Congressman GREEN some 35 years ago when we were both freshmen at St. Joseph's College in Philadelphia. That association grew stronger and more intimate as a result of our service here in the House of Representatives. Congressman GREEN was indeed an outstanding Member of the House of Representatives. As a member of the Ways and Means Committee he played a vital role in the most important legislation presented to the Congress. Congressman GREEN was also a national political leader. He became a national leader through his own efforts,

his own hard work, his own organizational ability, his political principles, and his competitive spirit.

During his lifetime he enjoyed the friendship of most of America's great men including Presidents Roosevelt, Truman, Kennedy, and Johnson. Of all the men with whom BILL GREEN was associated during his lifetime he took, I think, the greatest pride in his association with the late President John F. Kennedy. When BILL GREEN spoke of President Kennedy you could see the pride shining in his eyes. It is interesting to note that these two men, who came to know each other through politics and who grew in friendship through the years, had so much in common. Their ancestry, their religion, their early family background, their belief in the principles of the Democrat Party were the same. They both understood human nature. They were both kind and loyal and both possessed a fighting competitive spirit. Each of them fortunately also possessed a magnificent sense of humor so that they were able to take everything seriously except themselves. President Kennedy's assassination was not only a personal loss to Congressman GREEN but I believe it had a tremendous emotional and physical effect upon him. Many things have been said today in praise of Congressman BILL GREEN. I could reiterate all of them and add some more. Time does not permit me to say all I want to say. Congressman GREEN throughout his life was an obedient son, a devoted husband, and a loving father. While he was a man of national stature, he possessed great humility. He could disagree without being personal; he could fight without being bitter; he could win and he could lose with equal grace; he asked little and gave much; he was all forgiving. His greatest saying in politics was:

I never remind anyone of what I do for them but I never forget what anyone does for me.

While we were of opposite political parties, BILL GREEN and I were always the best of friends and I always believed that he was at all times doing his best for the people he represented and for the Government and the country he loved.

He was the least appreciated but the most productive public official in the State of Pennsylvania. While everybody did not like him, everybody had to respect him. This is all BILL GREEN ever wanted.

Betty joins me in very sincerely and sorrowfully expressing deepest sympathy to Mary and the family. All of us pray that he is—as we know he is—with his Creator at this time.

Remarks by Representative Thomas

Of Texas

Mr. THOMAS. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege for me to join the many, many friends of our late and beloved "BILLY" GREEN, in paying my respect to him.

I recall when "BILLY" first came here about 20 years ago. At that time, as has been said, the gentleman from New York [Mr. Keogh], the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. Kirwan], and one or two members of his own delegation all were attracted to "BILLY." He was quiet. He was modest. Above everything else, he tended to his own business. He never had an unkind word to say about anybody. If he disagreed with you, why, he disagreed and that was it.

As time passed I doubt if any other man in this body grew more than "BILLY" GREEN. He grew in stature, in intelligence, and in actual accomplishments.

We have heard it said many times today that "BILLY" had a great understanding of people, a great organizing ability, and a great managerial ability, and accomplished an outstanding job for his party in the great State of Pennsylvania and certainly in the great city of Philadelphia.

He was a great leader, and it is too bad that he was taken right in the prime of his life. We have lost in this House a good many men in the last several years, long, long, long before their day. One of them was "BILLY." If I may be a little personal, I remember the beloved and distinguished gentleman from New Jersey who has just addressed the House, Congressman Cahill, and our beloved friend "BILLY" and our beloved Speaker and some of our distinguished friends from the White House—Mr. O'Brien—our very beloved minority leader, Charley Halleck, our beloved colleague, our majority leader, the gentleman from Oklahoma [Mr. Albert], the gentleman from Massachusetts [Mr. Boland], our beloved friend Eugene Keogh of New York, and 10 or 12 of us who were

having dinner together late last year. "BILLY" looked as well and as hale and as hearty as any human could. That was less than 10 days before. Well, the House has lost a great Member and the Nation has lost a great legislator and the State of Pennsylvania has lost a true friend.

May I join the gentleman from Pennsylvania [Mr. Morgan] and Mr. Speaker, the many friends of "BILLY" GREEN and may I extend to his lovely wife and his children my deep understanding and sympathy in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Brown

Of Ohio

Mr. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join in the tribute being paid to the memory of a great American, BILL GREEN. BILL GREEN was an outstanding Member of this House. It was my privilege to know him from the day he came into this Chamber, and throughout the years since our friendship blossomed and became warm and close.

He made his mark as a great legislator, just as many other men have reached greatness in this Hall of the Congress. But I wish to speak, if I may, about BILL GREEN in another way. We were of different political party affiliations. I have devoted a great part of my life to political organization just as BILL GREEN devoted his. We talked many times regarding political matters affecting our respective parties.

BILL GREEN would often tell me what he thought would happen politically in Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, and in other parts of the country. He was a good forecaster, an able prognosticator, and a great prophet, because he was usually right in his predictions within a very, very few votes. In turn I would tell him what I thought might happen on our side of the political fence in different sections of the country.

I have been in the field of national politics long enough to know, as I am sure most of the men and women here in this House know, because we are all interested in matters political, that no man can become a political leader in his own party, a national political figure—not just a State figure but a national figure such as BILL GREEN—and a leader in his beloved city of Philadelphia, in his State of Pennsylvania and in the Nation, unless he is a kindly man, unless he is interested in other people, unless he gives of himself as well as taking from others, and unless he is absolutely honest. BILL GREEN was one of the three or four great political leaders of his party in this country of ours. No man can long be a success in the

strenuous life of national politics, and especially attain the leadership of his party, unless he is absolutely honest and dependable.

BILL GREEN was that type of a political leader. He was so recognized, not only by those in his own party, not only by his colleagues in the House, but also by those of us who belong to the opposite party.

We sometimes crossed blades of steel with BILL GREEN in political combat. Never once, to my knowledge did he fight unfair, or do a little thing. He was a man of his word, a man of character, and a man of whom the great Democratic Party can be justly proud that he saw fit to serve it during his lifetime, just as we who serve in this House are grateful that he gave of himself to us here. BILL GREEN will always be missed, and yet he will always be remembered.

Remarks by Representative Keogh

Of New York

Mr. KEOGH. Mr. Speaker, twice during the waning days of 1963 we were enveloped in great grief and sadness. First was the tragic death of our beloved President, John F. Kennedy, and, on Christmas eve, we laid to rest our distinguished and beloved colleague, Representative WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., of Pennsylvania.

BILL GREEN was my good and dear friend, and it does not seem possible, as we begin the 2d session of the 88th Congress, that he will not be with us. We served together on the Committee on Ways and Means, and I had occasion to observe the diligence and painstaking attention he gave to the difficult and complex problems which have come before the committee. His was a keen mind and one which we could ill afford to lose. In addition to his duties as a Member of the House, he served with credit and distinction as chairman of the Philadelphia Democratic City Committee, and the constant demands made upon his time and energy undoubtedly contributed to his early and untimely passing. His was a life devoted to public service, and he served his country and the people of Philadelphia well and faithfully.

BILL GREEN was a kindly man and possessed a refreshing sense of humor which often lightened the burdens of his colleagues and friends. He was a man of great strength, courage, and wisdom—always available to those who sought the benefit of his sound advice and wise counsel.

His relationship with our late President was a close and personal one, and he was stunned by the sudden termination of that young and brilliant life. Little did he know at the time that so soon thereafter he, too, was to leave us and to join his friend in eternal rest. The world is a better place for the time BILL GREEN was among us. I shall miss him greatly, and I shall cherish his memory.

To his mother and his lovely and devoted wife, Mary, and to his fine children, I extend my deep and heartfelt sympathy on their great loss. I hope that they will find consolation in the knowledge that while we do not know the time or the place of our leaving this world, God knows, God directs, and all is done according to God's plan for each of us, including BILL GREEN.

Remarks by Representative Dent

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DENT. Mr. Speaker, I share with my colleagues in the Pennsylvania delegation and, I am sure, with all Members, sadness at the death of Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., who represented his Philadelphia district in the House for 17 years.

I think that our very sense of loss should call forth enhanced recognition of the kind of man BILL GREEN was during his lifetime.

He was a man of politics. He knew how to organize men into a team and how to make that team operate effectively in order to gain political support for his party.

BILL GREEN was elected Democratic city chairman of Philadelphia in 1953. From the time of the Civil War until the time he was elected Democratic chairman, Philadelphia was a Republican city. Registered Republicans outnumbered registered Democrats by something like 2 to 1. BILL GREEN changed that. Whipping his party organization into shape so that it could make a more effective appeal to Philadelphia voters, BILL GREEN was in great part responsible for the fact his city voted for John F. Kennedy for President in 1960 by a record majority of 326,000 votes. President Kennedy carried the entire State of Pennsylvania by only 116,000 votes, and he himself said that BILL GREEN was the man most responsible for placing Pennsylvania's electoral vote in the Democratic column.

BILL GREEN had the respect of all who knew him; his chief opponent in Philadelphia, Republican Chairman William J. Devlin, expressed his regard in these words:

The city of Philadelphia has lost a great political warrior and a dedicated public servant.

The Democratic Party has lost the greatest and strongest leader in its history.

Having said all this about him, I have not yet said what is most important. Yes; he was a man of politics—one of the greatest. But politics to BILL GREEN was never an end in itself. Politics for him was a means. He made politics a means of achieving ends to which he dedicated a great heart and a keen and perceptive mind.

BILL GREEN dedicated himself to the great ends of liberalism. He spoke out as champion of the rights of workingmen and women. Let me give you some of his own words spoken a few years ago in opposition to legislation which threatened to cripple labor's right to organize and to strike.

If you think—

He said—

that you are going to press a crown of thorns on the workingmen and women of this country you have another guess coming.

He said:

The history of practical politics and the people who are trying to play that game show that those people have been defeated, and they should be defeated because the workingmen and women of this country are going to continue to grow and to organize and get their just rights.

BILL GREEN showed us the true aims of the Kennedy administration's programs of public assistance and welfare. His philosophy was that public welfare should be more than a stopgap program to feed those in need. His philosophy was that welfare must be aimed at helping those who receive public assistance to become self-dependent. He said that welfare programs must aim at "promotion of individual independence through community work and training programs." More than this, he declared that Federal and State agencies must undertake "prevention of dependency by dealing with the causes."

BILL GREEN had always in his heart and mind a special concern for underprivileged children, for the aged, for the handicapped, and for the socially maladjusted.

He spoke out especially as a champion of public aid for the blind. True to his liberal way of thinking, he urged that such aid be really adequate to enable blind persons to

achieve a state of self-care, or self-support. He said that aid to the blind should be "directed toward assisting needy blind persons to work their way from dependence upon blind aid to the achievement of economically independent lives."

His fellow Members from Pennsylvania will remember BILL GREEN'S ardent support of Federal aid for depressed areas in our State.

His colleagues on the Ways and Means Committee will remember BILL GREEN'S devotion to committee work, his unusual intelligence and energy.

Mayor James H. Tate, of Philadelphia, said of BILL GREEN:

> For his service to his neighbors as their democratic leader, for his work in the Halls of Congress, he fought a battle of conviction for the ideals of democracy and for the workingmen and women of Philadelphia.

Mr. Speaker, we have lost a colleague and a dear friend whose life exemplified both the great American tradition of democratic politics and the best and truest liberalism.

My own personal friendship with BILL GREEN goes back for more than a generation. A generation in which many changes were made in our manner and method of living in this Nation.

I will always remember his valiant fight to rid our party of the self-seekers, the hangers-on who sprouted just before elections and then withered away until the spotlight of the next campaign would swing its arc and light up their, most times, futile attempts at leadership.

It was only the untiring, unselfish, and oftimes heartbreaking personal efforts of BILL GREEN that welded our party into a winning political force.

He had a faculty found only in the leaders of men in all history, in every endeavor, that natural magnetism that drew and held to his leadership men and women in every walk of life, a reassuring devotion and loyalty above and beyond the call of political or party duty.

His was a leadership based upon integrity, honesty, and reliance on a word given and a word honored. His word was his bond.

BILL GREEN often said that "friendship cannot be sealed with an affidavit or written contract. You are either a man of your word or you are not—there is no in-between area in friendship."

This was the core of BILL'S philosophy and this was the reason for the loyalty and devotion of his followers in politics and the warmth and understanding in his personal friendships.

Mr. Speaker, our world as we know it, lost a truly great contributor to the betterment of our way of life.

His untimely death following within a few short weeks after the passing of his personal friend and political associate, our late President John F. Kennedy, was a double blow to the good and faithful peoples of our great State. Their work was left unfinished. We can build an everlasting memorial to their memory by enacting legislation for the betterment of the American people in all the walks of our national existence.

Let us, today, write their faults upon the disappearing sands of the ever moving seas, and their virtues upon the everlasting tablets of memory.

Recently, during the holidays, I read a prayer that voices the hopes, the aims, and the ultimate goal of men of good will amongst whom we must count in the front ranks our late beloved colleague, WILLIAM GREEN. I would like to read this prayer since it expresses these worthy desires much better than I:

> Let us pray that strength and courage abundant be given to all who work for a world of reason and understanding; that the good that lies in every man's heart may day by day be magnified; that men will come to see more clearly not that which divides them, but that which unites them; that each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of man over his own evils and weaknesses; that the true spirit of this moment with its prayer, and its hope, and above all its abiding faith—may live among us; that the blessings of peace be ours—the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

To his aged mother, to his beloved wife, and to their children I extend the regards and sympathies of Mrs. Dent, myself, and our children.

Remarks by Representative Nix

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. NIX. Mr. Speaker, the burden of sorrow which accompanies the stark realization that one has lost a dear friend often renders the most fluent among us inarticulate. Yet, in such circumstances, all of us are able to summon from our reservoir of memory some of our cherished impressions; and, in giving voice to them, somehow death becomes less formidable and perhaps not quite so final.

My friend and our colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., was a strong and practical man; yet, there flowed from his personality a cordiality of heart and a serene gladness. He gave freely to all the priceless gift of friendship. He took every man's good will for granted. It can truly be said that his sense of fraternity, his gift of understanding, and his compassion are reflected in the widespread sense of loss at his passing.

In 1953, during the early stages of the Democratic Party's renaissance in Philadelphia, there was a need for a man who spoke the language of the heart, who was shrewd and pragmatic, who was bold in planning, who remained calm in the midst of confusion, who concerned himself more with the factors which united the party than those which divided. All of these qualities and more were found in BILL GREEN. Accordingly, history has recorded the signal effect of his leadership and influence upon the success of the Democratic Party in Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, and in the Nation.

Mr. Speaker, if time be measured by the Creator, perhaps WILLIAM J. GREEN'S 53-year span of life was but a brief interlude. If measured by the yardstick of our affection for him, his passing moment with us was far too brief. If measured by the magnitude of his contributions to his city, State, Nation, and party, neither brevity nor fleetness is sufficient to express the extent of time he will remain with us. In his allotted time

among us, he gave added nobility to our concept of friendship by the unstinting gift of his own friendship. By his unswerving adherence to the code of loyalty, he demonstrated for all of us that loyalty is a gem as precious as life itself.

He made it evident that leadership has many facets; and that among these, humility, understanding, and forgiveness hold equal importance with dedication, ability, and planning. In an age when many men of influence, high station, and power follow the false glitter of ostentation, are lured away from the solace and promise of religion, and are oblivious to the discipline and beauty of family life, his life epitomized the quality of simplicity. His religious faith remained unimpaired. His love and devotion to family is a monument to felicity.

Mr. Speaker, although we cannot pierce the veil of an inscrutable destiny nor alter its decrees, we do find comfort in the knowledge that the life of each one of us has been immeasurably enriched because our friend, BILL GREEN, tarried a brief moment in our midst.

Remarks by Representative Toll

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. TOLL. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, December 21, at 4 a.m., while on the floor of the House participating in the foreign aid appropriations meeting, I learned the sad news of the death of my close friend and colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR. Had he been well, he also would have been on the House floor as leader of the Philadelphia congressional delegation. He and his colleagues were devoted to their duties and always tried to support the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

When I first ran for Congress in 1958 after serving 8 years as a representative in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, I was sponsored by the late Councilman Charles M. Finley. There were 12 of us in the primary election. Mr. Finley took me to lunch with Chairman GREEN, of the Philadelphia Democratic Party, 2 weeks before election day and received a commitment for my support. I was nominated and my sponsor died before the general election. The chairman was a man of his word, and I was elected with party support to the 86th Congress.

In the next presidential election Mr. GREEN strongly supported John F. Kennedy, and he brought the young Senator to my district for a talk to the largest audience we ever had. A representative of the Jewish Community Relations Council asked me to get President Kennedy's signature on a picture showing the President in formal attire and GREEN wearing a business suit. President Kennedy wrote above his name on the photograph, "I always get dressed up when I have to meet BILL GREEN."

BILL GREEN was extremely well informed about many legislative matters. He invited me to many meetings with Philadelphia groups and constituents. It was my privilege to attend many breakfast, luncheon, and dinner meetings with

him and I was always greatly impressed by his knowledge, memory, and judgment. In turn, he listened to my views on legislation and frequently joined me in supporting liberal measures. He had a very good liberal and labor record.

Our congressional districts were separated by Frankford Avenue. BILL represented the east side and I represent the west side. We cosponsored a number of bills for the benefit of our constituents. In 1963 we introduced identical resolutions—Toll, House Resolution 341, GREEN, House Resolution 342—urging the proper bodies of the United Nations to promote and support Arab-Israel meetings and conferences to establish peace in the Middle East.

As the Democratic leader of the largest ward in the city of Philadelphia, I had many political contacts with BILL GREEN as the Democratic city chairman and I observed his political wisdom. He was a strong party man and a terrific organizer. His direction of the work in the registration field was the best I have ever seen. He was diplomatic and gave people a second chance. I admired his political judgment.

BILL GREEN worked unceasingly in Congress and in politics for the benefit of our city, State, and Nation. Our people and his family are proud of his accomplishments in his public career.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to add my comments to those which are made today in memory of the late WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN, JR., as a young man who owed him much in his lifetime for the encouragement and constant inspiration he offered.

It was my pleasure to know Congressman GREEN throughout my career as a leader of the Young Democrats in my native Northampton County, Pa., and as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate in Harrisburg. Congressman GREEN was a close personal friend of my distinguished predecessors in the State senate and this Congress.

It would be impossible for me to put into words the effect BILL GREEN had upon the lives of younger men and women who became vitally interested in the Democratic Party. He gave them an understanding of politics and the nature of the elective process they might never have otherwise possessed.

When I was a young man, first considering active participation in the political and governmental life of my community, I was guided by two of the ablest and most distinguished men who ever served Pennsylvania—State Senator Joseph Yosko and Representative Francis E. Walter, both of Northampton County. Both are now dead, but each has left an undeniable and indelible imprint of his own personality on the destiny of our State and our Nation.

Certainly, all these things are true, also, of our late and beloved colleague, Congressman GREEN. Although he could devote his life to the cause of a political philosophy, he was at the same time, a man who dedicated infinite wisdom, love, and loyalty to his family. I can think of no greater tribute to his consummate dedication to his lovely and charming wife, Mary, and their children than the fact that his son, William J. Green 3d, is a candidate to fill the vacancy left by his

father's death in this House of Representatives. Like his father, young William Green has chosen the road of public service and the path of dedication to the needs of human beings.

There is a tendency on the part of newspapers and publications in general to underestimate the humane principles of men who devote their lives to politics. It is far easier, of course, to cast aspersions, to criticize for the sake of criticism, to forget the good and useful services of a man and the political party of which he is a leader in the continuing difference of opinion which exists between editorialists and public servants. In the light of what we know of BILL GREEN'S life, those who have served with him and learned from him can add an important footnote to the temporary history which has been set down about him. We can say—and say proudly—that he was among the ablest practitioners of the art and science of politics this Nation has ever produced, for we believed, with him, that good politics dynamically organized and administered results in good government with a majority of the people taking part. We can speak of the warmth and understanding he brought to his deliberations in this House—and of the good humor with which his most serious thoughts might often be tempered.

These are the parts of a man of much complexity—a man who was more than a Congressman from a specific district, a man who recognized leadership in younger men and was willing to encourage and nurture those abilities with all the fibers of his being.

In 1960, when the citizens of Philadelphia went to the polls to choose a President of the United States, they proved that politics is sometimes the art of the impossible. They gave John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson an overwhelming vote of confidence—a vote greater than any plurality ever registered in that city by any other candidates in its history.

No one was happier on that night—not even John Kennedy—than WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., Democratic leader, Congressman, humanitarian, civic leader, and devoted champion

of the young, newly elected Irish-American President of the United States.

That joy stayed with BILL GREEN through most of the remaining days of his life. It was cut short—as it was for all of us—by the death of John Kennedy.

The eulogies we speak here today will be some solace to us, as we remember. At least, in setting these words down in black and white, we have paid a part of the debt we owed BILL GREEN.

But nothing—no words we can speak or write—can repay him, or his family, for the hours of tireless effort, the unflagging sense of good humor, the broad grin and the genuine joy of living he brought to our midst.

In politics, in service in this Congress, in the midst of his daily life with the family he loved more than anything else on earth, BILL GREEN was an extraordinary man of great talents and great abilities.

If we are fortunate, once in each generation, such men come along.

I am humbly grateful that such good fortune fell to my State in my time.

Remarks by Representative Byrne

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute on my own behalf to our late and well-loved colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., and on behalf also of the thousands of people in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania to whom he endeared himself both as an individual and as a zealous public servant.

BILL GREEN, as he was affectionately known, was dedicated to the principles and philosophy of the Democratic Party because he sincerely believed that through that medium it was possible to achieve the greatest good for the greatest number of our fellow citizens. He served in this House with distinction and honor for 17 years. He was not only indefatigable in his efforts in behalf of his own district, but he was constantly alert for the interest of all the people of our State and of our Nation. From his earliest days he was devoted to the Democratic Party and he worked tirelessly to build and reconstruct our party in the city of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania in those lean days when it was not possible to hope for political preferment or reward, mainly because we were hopelessly outnumbered, and therefore there was very little chance of success; especially in fighting against an entrenched and powerful organization—supported by forces of great wealth and endorsed and aided by those who controlled the mediums of publicity.

He contributed greatly to the success of the Democratic Party in Philadelphia and Pennsylvania in the early days of our struggles in the political field, and in 1953 he was elected chairman of the Democratic County Executive Committee of Philadelphia. He not only solidified the gains we had made, but by his energy, sound judgment, his vision and his devotion to the public interest, he constructed one of the most efficient political organizations in the United States. In doing this he in no way faltered or diminished his attention

to his duties or responsibilities as a Member of Congress. Indeed it is not too much to say that this continuous application to his responsibilities, with the constant and manifold demands this made upon his energy, resulted in the impairment of his health and his untimely death.

His courageous and forthright announcement in favor of the candidacy of John Fitzgerald Kennedy at the Democratic Convention in 1960 was a key factor in securing the nomination for our martyred President. His performance as leader of the Democratic campaign in Philadelphia in that year, which resulted in a majority of over 330,000 for President Kennedy, unprecedented in the history of Philadelphia, for a presidential candidate, secured Pennsylvania's electoral vote for Mr. Kennedy and insured his election as President of the United States. His efforts in that election were not confined to Philadelphia only, but his counsel, advice, and energies were freely given throughout the Nation and in other areas of the State, all were equally productive. President Kennedy was appreciative of his efforts and for BILL GREEN he had a warm affection and friendship, and he was numbered amongst the intimate counselors and advisers of our late President. He enjoyed, too, the friendship and the confidence of President Johnson who, despite the heavy demands made upon him at a most crucial period, went to Philadelphia for his funeral and a mass of requiem attended by thousands and celebrated in the cathedral there by His Excellency, the Most Reverend John F. Kroll, archbishop of Philadelphia.

As a political leader Congressman GREEN was not autocratic or domineering. He led well because he inspired those who were associated with him and because his character and personality commanded respect and affection. His friendships extended across party lines, both in this House and in our own State. In Pennsylvania he counted amongst his personal friends those who were prominent in the leadership of the Republican Party. While they recognized his vigorous espousal of the convictions he so firmly held they knew him also as a man of honor, sincerely attached and devoted to the things in which he believed.

In his personal life his character was outstanding. He was a man gifted with deep religious fervor, who walked humbly with his God and strove in his daily life to obey the divine law and the precepts of his religion. As a father and husband he was exemplary. His wife Mary and his children can well be proud of his achievements and accomplishments as a public servant and for the inspiration he gave them as a family throughout his life. With her and with them, I who was his friend and colleague, join in saying, "Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon him."

Remarks by Representative Boland

Of Massachusetts

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, I seize this opportunity to join with the distinguished leader of the Democratic delegation from Pennsylvania, his colleagues from Pennsylvania, and my colleagues around the Nation in this tribute to WILLIAM GREEN.

In his zest for life and his zest for living BILLY GREEN was a delightful and stimulating colleague. I shall and do miss him because I genuinely liked him as a person.

The sudden death of a man at age 53—a man at the apex of his career—is almost impossible to understand. The enthusiasm and dynamism which characterized WILLIAM GREEN are very much a part of my memory of him.

I believe it is inescapable that one of the images we shall carry of BILLY GREEN is that of a politician—a politician in the most laudatory, the most complimentary, the most praiseworthy connotation of that word—for, just as we respect a doctor who is dedicated to ministering to physical needs of his patients or a clergyman who is dedicated to ministering to the spiritual needs of his parishoners, so all of us respect WILLIAM GREEN, who dedicated his life to the fulfillment of human needs in the political arena.

Talents are given to be developed and used both for the good of the bearer of the talent and for others. WILLIAM GREEN had a rare organizational talent and a keen perception of the political needs and desires of his neighbors. He perfected these talents in serving his constituents and his political party. There is no more honorable task.

Throughout his life his ability to lead and to inspire was recognized. In 1951 he was instrumental in returning the Democratic Party to office in Philadelphia after an absence of some 68 years. In 1953 he was elected Democratic city chairman of Philadelphia and served in that capacity for 10 years.

Nor did his influence stop at the lines of his district. As was mentioned here a moment ago by my colleague, Congressman Dent, President Kennedy credited him with insuring that the Democratic Party carried Pennsylvania in the 1960 presidential election. Often as I traveled with President Kennedy to the many sections of this country and across the waters, our late great leader, President Kennedy, often mentioned the fact that in the 1960 campaign BILLY GREEN was perhaps the most influential person he could mention and credited him with winning the Democratic endorsement of that convention for him.

The death of WILLIAM GREEN was a grievous loss to the city of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania and this House. He was an able legislator and a valuable member of the Committee on Ways and Means. WILLIAM GREEN possessed massive political power and influence. But what seems most important to me is how he used that power and that influence. I believe he used it well. He was a man of principle and a man of his word. Certainly many there are who did not agree with him or with whom he did not agree, but there are none whose right to differ he did not respect or whose motives he questioned. Never did he confuse the right to disagree with the right to be disagreeable. He will be sorely missed in the years ahead. But he will be missed far more by his remarkable mother and his devoted wife and children. His devotion to them was a great source of strength to him and to them. I had the privilege of visiting his family often at the little seaside town of Longport in New Jersey and, believe me, there was no more delightful family to visit, none more ingratiating, and none more accommodating. Nothing did BILL GREEN enjoy more than the company of his own family.

So, I extend to his magnificent wife, Mary, to his devoted children, William J., Mary, Anne, Michael, Dennis, and Patrick, my deep sympathy in their great hour of tragedy. I can say to them in this hour of tragedy they can take great comfort and their grief can be assuaged by the fact that he has been a credit to his family, to his church, to his Nation, to his State, and to his beloved city of Philadelphia.

Remarks by Representative Clark

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. CLARK. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues today in eulogizing our beloved colleague and friend, the late WILLIAM GREEN, better known to most of us as BILL GREEN. He was a great American and statesman. His word was his bond. I knew BILL long before I came to Congress and admired him for his honesty, courage and straightforwardness. I could always go to BILL GREEN for his help and advice. The country, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the city of Philadelphia and his many friends will miss him very much. I extend my sympathy to his family, who will miss him most of all.

Remarks by Representative Moorhead

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. MOORHEAD. Mr. Speaker, "the heart to conceive, the understanding to direct the hand to execute"—Letter of Junius, March 19, 1770.

The death of my friend, our colleague, the late great WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., has been a loss to the Congress, to the Nation, and to freedom-loving democratic peoples everywhere.

In a world in which representative government abroad has often failed and, at home, is under severe criticism, BILL GREEN brought to the Congress a deep and wise understanding of the democratic process.

In our Nation, which has for too many years suffered from the divisive ills of extremism in politics, BILL GREEN, loyal Democrat, understood as Benjamin Disraeli did that "no government can long be secure without a formidable opposition."

There is a universality of the importance of the message of BILL GREEN'S life which is of importance to freedom-loving people all over the world.

At a time when the entire world, but especially the newly independent nations, are considering the choice between the regimentation of a Communist dictatorship and, what may appear to them to be, the chaos of a free democratic society, the example of BILL GREEN is particularly meaningful.

BILL GREEN knew that in a successful democratic society the elected official should be neither the master nor the slave of the people.

BILL GREEN had that rare quality which is so essential for the success of democracy—political leadership.

He had political leadership because he had "the heart to conceive" and feel the needs and legitimate aspirations of the people.

But the mouthings of the beautiful but ineffective idealist were not his. He had "the understanding to direct" the popular democratic wellspring of feeling into reasonable and attainable goals.

This he did because BILL GREEN had the third great quality of a political leader which is essential in a democracy—BILL GREEN, the administrator, had "the hand to execute." Without this last ingredient of political leadership, democracy is an empty theory, producing nothing and hastening the onslaught of dictatorship.

Heart and head and hand—all of these were BILL GREEN's.

Mr. Speaker, this world, this Nation, and this Congress will be the better if we learn to profit by the memory of the heart, the head, the hand—of our beloved colleague and friend, WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of our dear friend WILLIAM J. GREEN removed from the political scene one of the most powerful national leaders of the Democratic Party. His unswerving devotion to party loyalty and his exceptional ability to organize systematically the political activities of the party faithful at every level of the organization, gave him a national reputation as a great leader. During the last presidential campaign, at the request of the Democratic National Committee, he stumped the Nation addressing Democratic organizations, schooling party workers in modern methods of canvassing and using new approaches in stimulating voter registration. His practical and efficient methods and new ideas for the attraction of voters to the Democratic Party was an important factor in the success of the Kennedy campaign. In the city of Philadelphia where he officiated as city chairman, he repulsed the solid control of the Republican forces who had for 100 years—with several exceptions at rare intervals—delivering 326,000 plurality votes to President Kennedy—who carried the State by 116,000 votes. President Kennedy credited Mr. GREEN with the Democratic success in Pennsylvania.

Congressman GREEN was the product of the melting pot's teeming population—a rough and ready background prepared him to better serve the needs of his people.

In adversity he displayed coolness and control—no one ever overcame him by a surprise attack—either through the news media or his political enemies. He never abandoned a friend, but joined the fray anxious to see right prevail against might. He was direct and blunt, and did what he set out to accomplish. He was serious in his work and as a political leader did not live in a dreamland. He was sharp of mind and listened avidly to any interesting discussion and

gave attention to the request of a friend or constituent. He was a quiet and gentle man, yet once aroused he became fiery and determined in voicing his resentment.

He lived in the world of politics and loved it. No one can match his versatility, and his like will never come this way again.

His climb to success was steady—being fortified by political wisdom and a deep knowledge of human nature. He was a strict disciplinarian in party matters and did not acknowledge the term "failure" as excusable. He developed leaders around him who were sincere and loyal. He followed the political philosophy that the worthy must be rewarded.

Political justice to his followers was based on the rules of the game as each played it. No phoney ever fooled him. His decisions were positive and unquestioned. He was fair, courageous, and considerate. He was fearless and never condescending. He could give credit to one who was deserving even though personally he held no esteem for the individual.

In the Congress, "Billy" Green, as he was affectionately called, was popular and influential. His colleagues respected his sound judgment and practical solution of legislative problems. He contributed much to the success of the party in legislative programs. He was a key figure among the leaders of the administration.

He molded the members of the Democratic Pennsylvania delegation to the Congress into an influential unit of solidarity acting in unanimity on legislative and policy questions. Among its members are the most active and deliberate legislators, authorities in their respective committees and dedicated to their duties and loyal to obligations to support party leadership, and above all serve the interests of the Nation and the citizens of Pennsylvania.

The Nation has lost a sagacious and dedicated statesman, the State of Pennsylvania and the city of Philadelphia its most powerful leader and influential Congressman and the Congress of the United States a colleague admired and loved by his fellow Congressmen.

The Illinois delegation extends to his lovely wife, Mary, and his children, William, Mary, Anne, Michael, Dennis, and Patrick, our heartfelt condolences in their great sadness, and join them in prayers for God's blessing that He grant to him rest in the sacred acres of His eternal mansions.

Remarks by Representative Schneebeli

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. SCHNEEBELI. Mr. Speaker, BILL GREEN has been my friend, and I have always held him in high regard and deep respect. We were members of opposite political faiths, but in our activities on the same committee he was most helpful to me. His sincerity of purpose and warm personality immediately instilled confidence, and my respect for him increased with my daily association with him in our committee work.

BILL was a brilliant political leader, and was obviously successful in his efforts to organize large groups of people. Several times I told him that to my thinking he was the most successful sales manager in our State of Pennsylvania. He was rewarded for his fine sense of organization management by the huge majorities which Philadelphia delivered to his political friends.

More importantly, however, BILL GREEN was a warm and sincere person who happily reciprocated any gesture of kindness and thoughtfulness. He was keenly attuned to the wants and needs of the people, and his concern and efforts in behalf of all segments of our society were an indication of his deep humanity.

The Congress is going to miss the fine contribution which BILL GREEN has made in increasing measure here in Washington. And I am going to miss a friend who was always kind and considerate to me, and who was a tremendous help to me when I was the freshman member of our committee. He was a "grand guy."

Remarks by Representative Milliken

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. MILLIKEN. Mr. Speaker, may I join with the many others who regret the death of our colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN.

I have known BILL GREEN for many years, and although we always were on opposite sides of the aisle politically, I had a high regard for him. I feel sure that he did his best to serve the people of his district during his long service in the Congress and that he will be missed by them. His wife and family have my sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Curtin

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. CURTIN. Mr. Speaker, we meet in sorrow today to pay tribute to the memory of one who has worked and lived among us for many years, but who passed away last month.

WILLIAM GREEN was a Representative for many years from a district in Philadelphia which was adjacent to my own district and I grew to know our colleague very well during the years that I have served in this august body. He and I were from different parties, and had different points of view on many issues. However, I never found a man who had a warmer sense of friendship than BILL GREEN, nor one who was willing to go more out of his way for his friends than our former colleague.

BILL GREEN always met everyone with a cheerful smile and a warm and friendly greeting. He was an engaging personality. He was a most distinguished Member, and we shall miss him in his accustomed place and seat in out midst. His district, State, and Nation have lost an outstanding Representative, and we, in the Congress, a warm friend. I wish to convey to the members of his family my sincere expression of sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Goodling

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, long before I came to Congress the name BILL GREEN was a byword in Pennsylvania. Those of us in public life had recognized that name for many years. Prior to coming to this body I had never had the privilege of meeting BILL.

Not all Pennsylvanians agreed with his political philosophy but we did admire and respect him as a man.

An incident during our last gubernatorial election comes to mind. A teller vote was in progress. Pennsylvanians generally occupy seats on or near the center aisle. It was routine with BILL to stop and talk. On this particular occasion, as we spoke, I said:

BILL, come November we are going to help prove to the people of Pennsylvania how right you were when you said Dilworth can't win.

I can still picture that coy smile as he walked away, with not one word in response.

He had a great capacity for friendship and was devoted to those he served.

None of us are indispensable. BILL GREEN was not. The world will go on but those of us who served with him will miss BILL GREEN in the Halls of Congress.

I extend sincere sympathy to Mrs. Green and the children.

Remarks by Representative Whalley

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. WHALLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I rise to pay respect to our departed friend and colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN.

WILLIAM GREEN was a man of great integrity, sincerity of purpose, and loyalty to his friends. While we served on different sides of the political aisle and did not always agree on the problems which came before the House, I had the greatest admiration for the integrity of WILLIAM GREEN. He will be missed on the Committee on Ways and Means and in this House and by his constituents.

My deepest sympathy goes out to the members of his beloved family.

Remarks by Representative Mills

Of Arkansas

Mr. MILLS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I pay tribute to the memory of our late departed friend and colleague, BILL GREEN. We were associated closely in the House and, more recently, as fellow members on the Committee on Ways and Means.

The passing of BILL GREEN is a genuine and real loss to his district, his State, and to the entire Nation. In particular, we experience a loss on the Committee on Ways and Means because of the varied attributes and abilities which he brought to our work. BILL GREEN was a man of great personal charm and outstanding ability. His work on the committee was thoughtful and involved many contributions in the public interest. Toward the legislation which he espoused, he did so with sincerity, with vigor, and with effectiveness. In a like manner, when he opposed legislation he did so with the same attributes. I know of no better monument to a man's memory than to say that he fought hard for those things in which he believed.

Since BILL GREEN became a member of the Committee on Ways and Means, that committee has reported many bills, some provisions of which bear his imprint. These legislative endeavors will long outlive what we can say or do here today.

We will miss BILL GREEN in our committee work; we will miss his personal friendship, and his great charm; his district, State, and Nation will miss his leadership in the years to come.

Mr. Speaker, I extend to Mrs. Green and to his family sincere and deep condolences.

Remarks by Representative Buckley

Of New York

Mr. BUCKLEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with a very heavy heart that I arise today to pay tribute to a distinguished Member of Congress and an old friend, the late WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN, JR., of Philadelphia, Pa.

I knew BILL GREEN from his arrival in the House in January of 1945 until his untimely death. I knew him as an able legislator and outstanding political leader and a fine human being. BILL GREEN contributed much to the prestige of the House and to his home city of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania. He was a leader in the true sense of the word. He was a warm and understanding individual. He had the ability to grasp the problems with which he was faced and to utilize the many abilities with which he was endowed to handle these problems.

He was a man in every sense of the word. The Congress will miss him; Pennsylvania will miss him; and his own Democratic Party will, indeed, miss him. I will miss him personally and I extend to Mrs. Green and his family, on behalf of Mrs. Buckley and myself, our deepest sympathy on his passing.

Remarks by Representative Madden

Of Indiana

Mr. MADDEN. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our colleague, BILL GREEN, has saddened the hearts of all Members of Congress who were fortunate enough to enjoy his close friendship.

He made an outstanding record during his eight terms of service in the National House of Representatives. He possessed outstanding qualities as a legislator and as a worker in behalf of the Democratic Party in Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania. During his political leadership in Philadelphia, the Democratic Party rose to a success never enjoyed before in the history of that large city famed over the years for its Republican city administrations.

As a leader of the party in that city, all groups and factions followed him because of his personality, fairness, and ability to serve and represent all the people of Philadelphia.

Congressman GREEN's passing is not only a loss to his congressional district, city, and State, but also a loss to the Nation. He has made a great contribution toward supporting legislation which is so necessary for the economy and prosperity of our Nation and future peace.

I extend to his wife and family my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Edmondson

Of Oklahoma

Mr. EDMONDSON. Mr. Speaker, the loss of Congressman WILLIAM GREEN is a tragic one, both for his native State of Pennsylvania and for the Nation.

One of the ablest political leaders in the House, our colleague from Philadelphia was an influential member of the great Committee on Ways and Means, and a powerful force in the party to which he belonged.

Vigorous, outspoken, and fearless, he was a stout supporter of progressive legislation in many fields of congressional action.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to serve with him for nearly 12 years in the House, and he will be sorely missed.

To the Green family, and especially to Mrs. Green and their children, I want to express our family's deepest sympathy in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Carey

Of New York

Mr. CAREY. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to our departed friend and Member, WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., a distinguished Representative of the Fifth District of Pennsylvania.

His mark upon the Congress and the country is illustrious and lasting.

Here in the House throughout our lifetime we have a cherished memory. The southeast corner of this Chamber was and will be known as "BILL GREEN'S corner." There he gave freely of his wise counsel, his warm and ready wit, his depth of insight, and his loyalty and love of politics and man.

BILL GREEN not only had a corner of the House which was his very own, he had a corner on many more of the values of life.

Through his ability and leadership our late President, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, was brought to the fore and aided on his path to the Presidency.

BILL GREEN'S task was to go throughout the country and tell us how he did it and how our party did it in Philadelphia. We gained as a Nation from his experience and his talent.

BILL GREEN had a corner also on the understanding of true democracy. He was false to no one and a favorite to all. He loved his God, his country and his family. He never lost sight of the goal of perfection.

It has been said that true perfection of a man is his son. It has been my honor and fortune to know the family and children of WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR. Happily his great qualities are truly endowed to those children. They reflect his devotion, his great intelligence, his spirit, and his courage.

I know that throughout all the days of my life whenever I pass through this Chamber I shall never forget the man who presided over "BILL GREEN'S corner" of this House.

I truly hope that in my days of service in this body I can make some part of a similar contribution to that which he made on the great Committee on Ways and Means; as a National, State, and city leader of his party; as a veteran soldier of his country; and in the role he loved best—a true and gifted Member of the House of Representatives of the United States.

Remarks by Representative Brooks

Of Texas

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, our late colleague and warm personal friend BILL GREEN will be keenly missed here in the House of Representatives.

We knew him as a man of utter loyalty to the highest principles of our democratic society, of unflagging pursuit of our most worthy national goals and of abiding compassion for the poor and the downtrodden.

It will require extra effort on the part of each of us remaining to try to fill the void in our ranks left by the death of this exceptional leader and I am confident that in the memory of BILL GREEN we will make this extra effort.

Remarks by Representative Delaney

Of New York

Mr. DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I can but echo the many fine words of tribute paid our departed colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN.

BILL GREEN and I came into the Congress together in 1944. Our backgrounds, our districts, and our interests were very similar and it was only natural that we should become friends as freshmen. We came into the Congress together and, 2 years later, we went out the same way. In 1948, BILL GREEN and I came back to Washington and were good friends from that time on.

I do not believe that we, as Members of Congress, could have asked for a more able colleague nor that our elective system could have developed a more skilled political craftsman than BILL GREEN.

Coming from a large eastern city, I recognize as well as anyone the tremendous job that BILL GREEN did in Philadelphia. He stood out as a leader, a mediator, and a binder of political wounds. There are few tasks more difficult than molding a strong representative party unit from the diverse elements of a great American city, but BILL GREEN did it. In his hands, political organization became a fine art.

BILL GREEN worked diligently for his country, his constituents, and his political beliefs. His loss is felt deeply, but his legacy has enriched us all.

To his country he gave 20 years of dedicated public service. His tireless efforts have left their mark on his beloved Philadelphia and his warm friendship has left its mark in all our hearts. I am grateful for the privilege of paying deserved tribute to his memory.

Remarks by Representative Herlong

Of Florida

Mr. HERLONG. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues today in paying tribute to the memory of BILL GREEN.

He was a real personal friend and one who was sound in his thinking and always had the interests of our country foremost in his mind. His contributions to the Committee on Ways and Means, on which committee I had the privilege of sitting next to him, were many and constructive.

He was truly a great American and this Congress can ill afford to lose the services of people of the quality and character of BILL GREEN.

My deepest sympathy goes out to his devoted family and his friends, who were legion.

Remarks by Representative Elliott

Of Alabama

Mr. ELLIOTT. Mr. Speaker, I was privileged to call BILL GREEN "friend" in his lifetime. WILLIAM J. GREEN was strong and steadfast. He was dependable and just. He was a leader who believed in binding up wounds and charting a course that led to great objectives.

BILL GREEN had great ability as a political leader. He was a great organizer, an inspirer of confidence. His people loved him and he loved them.

I shall miss my departed friend very much.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Illinois

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, I never knew a finer gentleman than BILL GREEN. He seemed to me to possess all the qualities of nobility. I never talked with him, even though the conversations were brief and of passing moment, that I did not leave his presence with an enriching lift of spirits. It is difficult for me to realize that he is gone. I shall miss him very, very much, his quiet smile, his sweet gentleness, his big heart, and his massive intellect. He was one of the truly great Americans of our times, and he was deeply beloved by his colleagues in the Congress regardless of party.

Remarks by Representative Hemphill

Of South Carolina

Mr. HEMPHILL. Mr. Speaker, Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN brought to the U.S. House of Representatives a personality which expressed the joy and fullness of life and the reasons for happiness.

I did not know him intimately, and I would have liked to, but like many others here, I counted him as a friend. I know on one occasion particularly when I asked him to help me in a matter, he responded quickly, happily, and effectively.

To those of us who served with him he always presented a picture of happiness in his service and proud of his fellow man. He had a rare wit, an intense loyalty, a natural ability for leadership, and the stern application for the necessity of discipline in political circles.

We will all miss him. Mrs. Hemphill and I extend to his family our deepest and continuing sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Derwinski

Of Illinois

Mr. DERWINSKI. Mr. Speaker, the passing of our colleague WILLIAM GREEN came as a shock to all of us. I had heard of his illness but naturally hoped that his recovery would be rapid.

Mrs. Derwinski and I extend to Mrs. Green and the family our sympathy in their time of sorrow. However, I am sure they are comforted to some degree with the realization that he left behind a well-deserved reputation as an effective Member of Congress, an outstanding party leader, and a man appreciated as a warm friend.

Remarks by Representative Boggs

Of Louisiana

Mr. BOGGS. Mr. Speaker, my duty today is a sad one—saying farewell to an old and dear friend, a colleague of surpassing dedication and ability, one whose like we shall not see again in this House for many a day—our beloved BILL GREEN.

My mind goes back today to my years of service beside him in this House as we all wrestled with the perplexing problem of how to maintain peace abroad and public progress at home. More particularly do I remember the years when BILL and I sat together on the Committee on Ways and Means, studying and worrying over taxes, tariffs, social security, welfare, and a hundred other complex problems of our society.

Then there was the BILL GREEN of the political hustings—one of the greatest masters of the political art in our times. Here was a man who left an indelible mark of progress and good government on the old city of Philadelphia. More than that, through his successful political efforts, the entire State of Pennsylvania was given progressive, forward-looking modern government such as it had not known for generations.

I like best to remember BILL GREEN, the warm, wonderful, quietly humorous, always loyal friend, a friend in whose company you eternally reveled and whose trust you gladly reciprocated.

There was BILL GREEN, the wonderful husband and companion and teacher of six fine children.

In whatever capacity you found BILL GREEN, whether helping to solve great national problems, or winning a tough election, or loving his children, he always had the same fine basic qualities.

Commonsense, great energy, the ability to think clearly, a determination to do a good job, dedication to public service, loyalty, warmth, and courage. It is a tragedy for his

loved ones and friends that he was cut down at so young an age when he might have been expected to enjoy many more years of life, but it is also a terrible tragedy for his fellow Americans in Philadelphia, in Pennsylvania, and all over this country who would have benefited so greatly from his continued service.

BILL GREEN left a great mark upon his times and upon his country.

Though words are small consolation, I would say to his lovely widow and his sorrowing children, "To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die at all."

Remarks by Representative Burke

Of Massachusetts

Mr. BURKE. Mr. Speaker, as 1963 drew to its close the shadow of death grew large over the land, enveloping those of our leaders whom we had grown to love. Our grief, caused by the unspeakable deed in Dallas, had barely subsided when it was stirred anew by the loss of two more men, our colleagues, who had, like ourselves, given of their labor to the service of the Nation in these legislative halls.

Fate decreed that the man whose efforts helped in no small way to elect the assassinated President, was himself stricken with a fatal illness while preparing to pay his last respects to another outstanding legislator.

And thus WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN was taken from us at the untimely age of 53, 4 days before Christmas, 2 weeks after his seizure which he suffered en route to the funeral of Herbert Lehman, the distinguished former Senator from the State of New York.

Congressman GREEN was known as a party disciplinarian. He was a politician who played the game with intelligence and skill. His political education began before he could vote with his absorption into the intricacies of neighborhood politics. He was a superb student as the opening years of the last decade would demonstrate.

He himself was of humble origins, but he was able to work with all social strata, and together they built a Democratic organization that overturned 68 years of Republican rule in Philadelphia. Since 1951 the City of Brotherly Love has remained in Democratic hands.

Congressman GREEN knew that the victorious statesman owes his success to party discipline as much as to personal appeal, glamour, or eloquence. In 1960 he put his sense of discipline to work on behalf of John F. Kennedy, and the late President credited WILLIAM GREEN with helping him to

carry Philadelphia and ultimately the vitally important State of Pennsylvania.

Discipline and devotion to duty were practiced proudly and faithfully by BILL GREEN. I had the privilege of observing these characteristics while serving with him on the House Ways and Means Committee. Though diligent and disciplined, he was a kind and considerate father to his four sons and two daughters. His strict discipline did not dull his sharp tongue or keen sense of humor.

I know I speak for my fellow members on the House Ways and Means Committee when I extend to the wife and family of WILLIAM GREEN our deepest and most sincere and heartfelt condolences.

Remarks by Representative Rostenkowski

Of Illinois

Mr. ROSTENKOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I should like to join my colleagues here in the House of Representatives in paying respect to our late esteemed colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., the esteemed gentleman from Philadelphia, Pa. I keenly feel the sadness of his passing because of the fact that he not only had friends but was a friend.

His untiring and effective leadership was not only recognized by his constituency, for they expressed their confidence in him by electing him to the House of Representatives in the 81st Congress and subsequently to every Congress to the present one, but also by the Nation for he was dedicated to assist Mr. Average American and he fulfilled his promises. He was firm in his convictions, but his warmth and understanding were outstanding qualities of his character which gained him the respect of those who believed in him as well as those who opposed his convictions. This is indeed the mark of a great man and one who will be long remembered.

We will miss his guidance in this body for he was an outstanding legislator but most of all we will miss his smile and friendliness which can never be replaced. Surely the House has lost a valuable Member and my sympathies go out to his loved ones.

Remarks by Representative Multer

Of New York

Mr. MULTER. Mr. Speaker, it had been my good fortune to get to know BILL GREEN many years before I came to Congress. After I joined him as one of our colleagues I had the opportunity of cementing that friendship.

He was a warm and a kind man, able, honest and honorable. His word was his bond. He was indeed a leader among men. Problems were never too big or too small. They were all matters requiring solution and he always did what he could to help all those who needed his help.

With a full heart I join our colleagues in extending to his bereaved widow and family heartfelt condolences with the prayer that his memory may be for a blessing forever.

Remarks by Representative Monagan

Of Connecticut

Mr. MONAGAN. Mr. Speaker, it was a great tragedy that our friend BILL GREEN should have been taken from us at such an early age.

WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN, JR., Representative in Congress for the Fifth District of Pennsylvania, was not only an outstanding legislator—he was also one of the foremost political leaders in the United States. He served as a constructive and informed member of the vital Committee on Ways and Means and, in this capacity, he made a great contribution to the economic progress of the United States. His public contribution was not confined to this area, however. In the field of local municipal politics in Philadelphia, BILL GREEN was preeminent, and his willingness to participate in this demanding and wearisome task should provide a model for every one of us who are beneficiaries of the operations of our democratic society. BILL GREEN, in his life, demonstrated eloquently his willingness to accept the burdens as well as the benefits of our American system.

These public achievements are not the only monuments that BILL GREEN has left behind. Perhaps the outstanding one is his remarkable family. No one who has met his delightful wife, Mary, and his children can be unaware of the wholesome and lasting influence that BILL GREEN had upon this outstanding family group.

It was a privilege to be a friend of BILL GREEN, and I speak with confidence when I say that his memory will live long in the hearts of the people of Pennsylvania and his friends here in the Congress of the United States.

Remarks by Representative Ullman

Of Oregon

Mr. ULLMAN. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve on the Committee of Ways and Means with BILL GREEN. I came to know him and love him as a loyal friend and a great American. He had a great capacity for leadership based on a deep kinship with people, an understanding of their problems and an unerring judgment as to how best to obtain political action to help resolve those problems. BILL GREEN left his mark on our times. In his own quiet way he marshaled the support that cast the decisive margin to elect councilmen, Governors, and Presidents.

We will miss BILL GREEN, not just because of his great political ability but because of his warmth and understanding as a great human being. I extend my heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Green and his family.

Remarks by Representative Healey

Of New York

Mr. HEALEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with very great sadness that I rise to pay tribute today to my departed friend and colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN. I was not prepared for the shock of the news of his untimely death. Only a few days before, I had written to him at the hospital, telling him how much we missed him here and wishing him a speedy recovery.

Seven short months ago BILL GREEN stood in this Chamber and said the following words in eulogy of his departed Pennsylvania colleague, Francis Walter:

> Mr. Speaker, in this Chamber today a place is vacant, a strong voice is stilled, because an extraordinary man has just passed from our midst.

We can apply these same words to this wonderful man who spoke them. Mr. Speaker, another extraordinary man has passed from our midst.

BILL GREEN was one of my closest friends in the House. His office was just two doors from my own. He often came in to visit me at the end of the day, and we often had dinner together. I learned a great deal from this warm, friendly man. While I feel deprived by his death, I also feel enriched by his living. I will always cherish our friendship and the pleasant hours we spent together.

His congressional district has lost a distinguished and capable Representative, the Democratic Party has lost an able leader, the country has lost a great American, and I have lost one of the finest friends I ever had.

My deep sympathy is extended to Mrs. Green and the children. They are in my prayers during this time of sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Rodino

Of New Jersey

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, as it will for each of us one day, the bell has tolled for "BILLY" GREEN. And we here mourn him—we mourn his passing and his loss. For we have lost a friend and colleague and our country has lost a faithful and good servant.

We mourn his going forever from this scene which he loved so well, from the arena in which he fought so well, for the ideas and ideals in which he believed so deeply and so dearly. And, the people for whom he spoke, whose causes he championed—to whom he gave his last full measure of devotion—echo our grief in mourning the loss of their friend and their champion, their Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN.

I read somewhere that "we are rich only in what we give; we are poor in what we refuse and keep." By this standard, BILL GREEN was rich, indeed, for he gave so much—and so much of himself.

BILL GREEN will not pass this way again but the legacy of his good deeds and of his good works will live long in our memory.

I extend to Mrs. Green and to the members of his family my deep and sincere sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Dorn

Of South Carolina

Mr. DORN. Mr. Speaker, BILL GREEN was one of the most effective members of the informal textile group. It was on this committee that I grew to know intimately and love BILL GREEN. We had many conferences at the Cabinet level and with the President. BILL GREEN always kept uppermost in mind the welfare of the workers whose jobs were threatened by excessive and unfair imports. BILL GREEN made a great contribution to the welfare of the Nation when the international textile agreements were culminated.

BILL GREEN was a great Democrat, a highly successful political leader, and powerful in the high councils of the Democratic Party. He contributed as much to the election of the National Democratic ticket in 1960 as any one American.

BILL GREEN was a great national figure—forthright, courageous, and loyal. He was a great American. He was a devoted father and husband. Those of us who worked with him so closely were deeply shocked by his untimely passing.

Mrs. Dorn joins me in my very deepest sympathy to his lovely wife and wonderful family.

Remarks by Representative Rhodes

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. RHODES. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in paying respect to the Honorable WILLIAM GREEN, a valuable Member of the House of Representatives, who died last month.

BILL GREEN, as we all affectionately knew him, was a man of great ability, of strong character, and with a most pleasant personality. He was known as a leader of his party, not only in his home city, but throughout the State and the Nation. He played a leading role in Democratic victories in his city and in successful State and National campaigns.

It was my pleasure to be closely associated with him in activities in the House of Representatives and as a personal friend. He was a strong Democrat, but he had a host of friends on both sides of the aisle.

He was a close friend of our late President, John F. Kennedy. The support given to the President by Congressman GREEN and the Democratic organization he headed in Philadelphia was an important factor in President Kennedy's success in carrying Pennsylvania and the Nation in the 1960 presidential election.

Mrs. Rhodes joins with me in expressing deepest sympathy to Mr. GREEN's loving and devoted wife and children. May they find some comfort in knowing that so many folks in all walks of life share their sorrow and their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Roosevelt

Of California

Mr. ROOSEVELT. Mr. Speaker, our Nation, this body, and the State of Pennsylvania have lost a fine public servant with the passing of our late distinguished and able colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN. He was, as well, a warm friend to me.

I greatly admired BILL GREEN'S sound political judgment and his enthusiastic dedication to the work at hand. As a result of his extraordinary talent for organization, the late President Kennedy carried the State of Pennsylvania in the 1960 election, without which he would not have been President of the United States.

I shall recall with much pleasure the hours I spent with Congressman GREEN, here in Washington and in Philadelphia. He will be greatly missed, and we shall think of him often in the days and years to come.

Remarks by Representative Zablocki

Of Wisconsin

Mr. ZABLOCKI. Mr. Speaker, I wish to join with my colleagues in expressing my sorrow at the sudden and untimely passing of our esteemed colleague, the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN.

It was indeed a privilege to serve with him these many years in the House of Representatives. He was a man who served his district, his home city of Philadelphia, his State of Pennsylvania, and our Nation with ability and distinction.

BILL GREEN was a man who knew power and used it for what he believed were good purposes. His death has left a void that will not soon be filled.

How well I remember the many times that he offered his counsel and advice on legislative matters to me. From his vast store of knowledge about the House of Representatives, he drew words of prudence and wisdom.

Today, remembering those times, it becomes all the more clear how much BILL GREEN will be missed here. His death also inflicts a heavy loss on his family and his many friends in Pennsylvania and throughout the United States.

Congressman GREEN was an able and accomplished legislator. He served his God through his family and his work, and his fellow men through his legislative and personal endeavors. He has left an indelible imprint on the record of Congress, and on all those who came in contact with him.

My wife joins me in expressing deep sympathy to his wife and children. May they derive some consolation from the thought that we all share in their deep grief.

Remarks by Representative Gray

Of Illinois

Mr. GRAY. My Speaker, when I came to Congress in January of 1955 one of the first people to greet me with a warm smile and friendly handshake was BILL GREEN. From that day until the sad hour of his untimely death we were very close friends. Mr. Speaker, BILL GREEN was the type of man that had a great following because he was a natural born leader. He believed in people. He believed in helping his fellow man. To now be taken from us in the prime of his life is beyond comprehension. The people of Pennsylvania have lost a great servant, the Congress has lost a great Member and I have lost a great friend. I want to join those who have preceded me in saying we shall miss him very much and to extend my heartfelt sympathy to his wonderful family. I know they will receive comfort in the fact that this kind husband and father was so well loved by so many.

Remarks by Representative Celler

Of New York

Mr. CELLER. Mr. Speaker, I am sure that my sorrow is shared by all Members of this Chamber in marking the passing of our late and beloved colleague, WILLIAM JOSEPH GREEN, JR., of Pennsylvania. For BILL GREEN to have died before the age of 54 is, indeed, not only a personal tragedy for his family and friends but also a loss to his State and to his country which he served so valiantly.

BILL GREEN was a fighter. In his years of service, he proved that fighting for what is right could do when it is joined with the energy, the perspicacity, the balance of judgment, which were his. It seems hard for me to believe that BILL is no longer with us. I had known him since he first came to this arena in the 79th Congress, and I have seen him in action since then as a leader and persuader, as a man of the widest of sympathies and the deepest of loyalties.

To his wife and to his children, to his friends, I extend my sympathies, but a portion of that sympathy I reserve for myself because I, too, was proud to call him "friend."

Remarks by Representative Dague

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, the ever-swinging scythe of the Grim Reaper has taken its heavy toll of our Pennsylvania delegation and we stand with bowed heads as we contemplate the loss of these colleagues who so completely earned our affection and respect while they were laboring in the legislative vineyard with us.

Especially have we been touched by the untimely passing of BILL GREEN who was taken at the apex of his career and who left the national scene at a time when this Nation can so ill afford to lose a public servant of his stature. Incidentally, this brief eulogy will probably be read by partisans who will have difficulty in understanding how legislators of such diverse political viewpoints could feel themselves so bereft when a colleague of the opposite persuasion is called to his eternal reward. To answer them is simply to emphasize that disagree we may in matters of policy but in the end we judge our brother by his code of ethics and by how he discharged his obligations and kept his word. A worthy opponent in the legislative lists was this departed warrior but with it all he was one who called his shots and hesitated not to be magnanimous in victory.

The record will probably reveal that BILL GREEN and I voted alike on but few issues and I suspect that our political philosophies were as far apart as the poles. But having said that I am sure that each of us, according to his lights, wanted the same thing; namely, a life of peace and security for all mankind. I also have within me the firm conviction that had I ever wanted a favor, political or otherwise, I would have found our Philadelphia friend ready and willing to lend me a hand.

It was my sad privilege to join in the sacred rites observed in his passing and I could not help being impressed, as one of a different denomination, by the dignity and solemnity of the requiems intoned in his behalf. And I am sure that in his place of quiet rest beyond the sunset BILL has been pleased to observe that he has had a place in my humble if ineloquent prayers.

This departed friend left a loving wife and devoted children who will not quickly be turned from their sorrow. But we who are still in our pilgrimage must remember them in our devotions, and Mrs. Dague and I shall prayerfully petition the Master to enfold them in His comforting arms.

Remarks by Representative Glenn

Of New Jersey

Mr. GLENN. Mr. Speaker, I join with my colleagues in their expression of great personal loss on the death of our good and dear friend, WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR. All who knew him were deeply shocked at his untimely passing.

Not only were BILL and I colleagues in the Congress, but we were personal friends. For the past 6 years we have many times traveled together back and forth from my district, as BILL and his family had a summer home at Longport, N.J., which is adjacent to my own town of Margate. I enjoyed his company immensely, as he had a dry sense of humor, a nice smile, and a characteristic willingness to listen in a quiet way, which endeared him to all who came in contact with him. He had a rare capacity for friendship, which is not often found, which is evidenced by the affection and esteem in which he was held by all the Members on both sides of the aisle. He served with competency and zeal, and fulfilled his responsibility to his constituents with a real spirit of dedication. BILL GREEN was indeed a capable Congressman, a fine friend, and a loving husband and father. His family can take pride in his splendid record of unselfish patriotic service and his devotion to duty. His passing leaves a great void in the hearts of his countless friends and I personally will sorely miss his friendship and our close association.

My deepest sympathy is extended to his wife and family in their great loss and it is my prayer that their knowledge of the fact that so many of us will also miss him will aid them in the days ahead to bravely carry their burden.

Remarks by Representative Gallagher

Of New Jersey

Mr. GALLAGHER. Mr. Speaker, the recent death of Representative WILLIAM J. GREEN, of Pennsylvania, was a great loss to the people of that State, especially to those of its Fifth Congressional District whom he served so well for nearly 18 years as a Member of this House. He is mourned as a friend and as a dedicated public servant.

His colleagues, you and I, will miss him for we, perhaps even more so than his constituents, recognized his legislative ability, his dedication to the cause of sound democratic government and his political leadership. As we respected him for his ability and his accomplishments, we treasured his friendship which knew no political boundaries.

If we were to search for a single deed or characteristic that stood out and would perhaps be worthy of special note on this occasion, our search would be in vain for his accomplishments were many and he was a composite of great talents, good character, strength, and kindness. He was an able political leader, perhaps one of the most accomplished of this era. He recognized that politics was the cornerstone of sound free government to which he contributed so much in his nine terms in the Congress. He was a good citizen, as is attested to by his many contributions to the civic and community accomplishments of his native city. He was a loving and much loved father and husband.

We shall long remember BILL GREEN for what he was—an outstanding political leader, a knowledgeable and dedicated legislator, a good citizen, and, above all else to us, a kind and understanding friend.

Remarks by Representative Kunkel

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. KUNKEL. Mr. Speaker, the death of my good friend and able colleague, WILLIAM J. GREEN, of Pennsylvania, has saddened me greatly. He was in the prime of life. His passing was most untimely. BILL GREEN was a good friend of mine of long standing. We differed radically in our political beliefs but we shared a deep love for the State of Pennsylvania and a desire to do everything we could for its benefit. Political disagreements never marred our friendship. On many occasions, BILL helped me with problems connected with the 16th District. He was particularly helpful a few years ago when the Air Force was considering moving the petroleum section from the Olmstead Air Force Base at Middletown to Washington. There was a big argument on this. BILL worked wholeheartedly with me. He helped a lot in making my efforts to retain the petroleum section successful—even writing a long, strong letter to President Kennedy on the subject. This was only one instance of many. Occasionally I was able to give him a hand with matters of benefit to Philadelphia. I will miss him. With his great ability, friendliness, and charm, it is most unfortunate for his congressional district, the State of Pennsylvania, and the Nation, that he no longer is with us. His countless friends will mourn him.

This has been a sad year for the State of Pennsylvania. We have lost influence in the Congress through the loss of BILL GREEN, Francis Walter, and Leon Gavin, all of whom occupied key positions in Congress through their seniority, ability, and hard work.

My deepest sympathy goes to Mrs. Green and BILL's family in this time of sorrow.

Remarks by Representative Stratton

Of New York

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my deep regret and sorrow at the sudden and untimely passing of our late colleague from Pennsylvania, BILL GREEN.

To me WILLIAM J. GREEN will be remembered in history for one thing more than any other, and that is for his courageous and dogged support of the candidacy of John F. Kennedy for President of the United States. Largely as a result of the energetic and devoted work of BILL GREEN the great delegation from Pennsylvania swung to support John F. Kennedy on the eve of the 1960 Democratic convention, thereby virtually assuring his nomination on the first ballot at Los Angeles. No one worked harder in the subsequent campaign to elect Jack Kennedy President than BILL GREEN. And once Jack Kennedy became President there was no more loyal or enthusiastic supporter of the great President in the House than BILL GREEN. And that support, as we all know in this House, extended far beyond BILL GREEN'S own vote or his own voice. BILL'S friends in this House were legion and when he made up his mind to support President Kennedy on some crucial issue you could always count on BILL GREEN swinging into line behind the programs of the New Frontier a very influential segment of Members of the House.

Mr. Speaker, we still mourn the untimely death of our late President, and we have felt the shock which his death inevitably inflicted upon the great programs of accomplishment and achievement to which he had summoned this country. When the history of the Kennedy administration is written, Mr. Speaker, the name of WILLIAM J. GREEN will surely be written high on the roster of those who made this bright new era possible.

Mr. Speaker, we can be proud that President Johnson has picked up the reins of leadership so effectively and is carrying on the Kennedy program so brilliantly toward achievement. But all of us are the poorer and the sadder today because BILL GREEN has gone, because his infectious smile and his tireless energy will now be missing in this body, and because his great heart and his broad influence will also be missing in support of our new President as he carries on the great American program which BILL GREEN himself had so much of a hand in getting started.

To Mrs. Green and to her family, Mrs. Stratton and I extend our deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Philbin

Of Massachusetts

Mr. PHILBIN. Mr. Speaker, I was very deeply grieved by the very sad news of the untimely passing of my dear, beloved friend, Representative WILLIAM GREEN, of Pennsylvania.

For many years I served in the House with this great, outstanding leader of our democracy. He was a colleague of mine on the House Armed Services Committee, as well as in this great, deliberative body. He was outstanding in every respect and a dear, beloved friend.

BILLY GREEN was a rare and unusually gifted public servant and leader. He was possessed of magnetic personality and amiable personal qualities. He was a man of intense loyalty to his friends and the many good causes to which he was pledged.

He was a man of exceptional ability and keen awareness of the great problems of our time, endowed with deep convictions and firm resolute purpose, a great heart and a great mind, and a special, burning interest in the betterment and well-being of his fellow human beings.

His career was brilliant, outstanding, and the great progress he made during his life was predicated on his own natural talents, high ambitions, hard, persevering work, and unflagging persistency in reaching his goals. He had a great gift for making sound, intelligent, judgments and decisions.

BILLY GREEN was not only an outstanding Congressman, but also the exceptionally successful political leader of his party in the great city of Philadelphia. Only a virtual superman could have performed the duties of these two high callings as Congressman GREEN performed them. His many burdens and responsibilities which he so cheerfully accepted and so commendably discharged, made many heavy demands upon his time, his energy, his attention, and his physical resources. That he was able to accomplish as much as he did throughout

his brilliant career is not only a great tribute to Congressman GREEN, but must give us all pause to wonder how he was able to perform his many duties and meet the many demands made upon him. He died a martyr to his distinguished public service.

Notwithstanding his high positions, which he held with such becoming modesty, a quality that was part of his very nature, and the direct powers of leadership of a great, municipal political organization which he exercised with such commendable restraint, efficiency, eagerness, and dignity, Congressman GREEN never lost sight of the basic purposes of this great Government and the needs of those unable to help themselves.

Instinctively humble, he was always approachable, available and willing to go out of his way, even at the cost of personal sacrifice, to respond to the very many requests and demands of the people of the rank and file of his district and city. He was greatly beloved in the House for his innate modesty and loyalty to his friends.

BILLY GREEN was a great patriot, a man who loved his country, and who was deeply devoted to promoting its best interests. His outstanding record in the Congress, his amiable personal qualities and his warm, loyal friendship will long be remembered in this distinguished body, where he had so many friends on both sides of the aisle.

We are all greatly saddened by the loss of such a dear friend and distinguished colleague. His passing has left a void in our midst that can never be filled. His memory will long remain with us. His peerless service here, his kindness, generosity, his good will and cooperative spirit will long continue to inspire us.

My heart is deeply touched by the loss of a valued friend and admired colleague. His great district, city, and Nation are vastly the poorer for his passing because he has been taken from us while at the peak of his powers, with many great tasks and glorious victories for the people still ahead of him. With a deeply sorrowing heart, I join his bereaved family, friends, and district, in mourning his loss, which is

indeed irreparable for them as it is for us. I extend to them my deeply felt, most heartfelt sympathy in their sorrowful bereavement. I hope they may all be comforted in their sorrow by the knowledge of BILLY'S essential goodness and kindness and many fine qualities and achievements, so manifest to all.

His great love and devotion to the ideals and values of America, his deep religious faith and the knowledge of the high regard, esteem and affection in which he was held by all, will long keep his memory green.

May he find rest and peace in his eternal reward.

May the sainted Patrick he loved take him to his arms and may he dwell in the House of the Lord forever.

Remarks by Representative Chelf

Of Kentucky

Mr. CHELF. Mr. Speaker, this House of Representatives has not been the same since the departure from its Hall and from this life of our esteemed friend, the late Hon. WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR. As a dear friend and a valued colleague, he is sorely missed.

BILL and I came to the Congress as freshmen Members together in 1945. I knew him well and admired him greatly. He was sincere, tolerant, lovable, and conscientious. He was devoted to the cause of good government and this motivated him to give of his best to his work for the people of his district, his State of Pennsylvania and his Nation. His efforts here among us stand as a monumental record of achievement.

It was always a pleasure to work with BILL GREEN and I count it among my life's privileges to have known him and to have been associated with such an outstanding man.

I pray that God's richest blessings may rest always with his sweet widow and his family.

Proceedings
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SATURDAY, *December 21, 1963.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Hackney, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., late a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair lays before the Senate a resolution from the House of Representatives, which will be stated.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (H. Res. 599), as follows:

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., a Representative from the State of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That a committee of 32 Members of the House with such Members of the Senate as may be joined be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn until 12 o'clock noon today.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I submit a resolution, which I ask to have read, and for which I ask immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be read.

The resolution (S. Res. 239) was read, considered by unanimous consent, and unanimously agreed to, as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the

House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the second resolving clause, the Chair appoints the two Senators from Pennsylvania [Mr. Clark and Mr. Scott] the committee on the part of the Senate to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I move, as a further mark of respect and honor to the memory of the late Representative WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., of Pennsylvania, that the Senate adjourn, in accordance with the order previously entered, until 12 o'clock noon today.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 6 o'clock and 45 minutes a.m.), Saturday, December 21, 1963, the Senate adjourned, under the order previously entered, until 12 o'clock noon of the same day.

Memorial Tributes
to
William J. Green, Jr.

Memorial Tributes

By Representative Herman Toll

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. TOLL. I include the following from the excellent column by Arthur Klein in the Philadelphia Jewish Times of December 27, 1963:

THIS IS POLITICS

(By Arthur Klein)

"We shall meet, but we shall miss him,
There will be one vacant chair;
We shall linger to caress him
When we breathe our evening prayer."

—WASHBURN.

Yes; the chair is empty. Empty not in the sense of a possibility of being filled once again, but rather it is empty in the sense that the person who personified this expression has been taken from our midst. This term "the chair" had become synonymous with Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., and with his passing goes into history one of the great epochs in political history of a man and a machine.

This was a man, fully eulogized over the past weeks, who never forgot his friends and always forgave his enemies. There are still many who can remember back 15 years to the time when the colleagues of BILL GREEN turned against him. He overcame their opposition and rose to a position of power. He did not walk over these people when he arrived at the top. Instead, he brought them up with him and made men of power and influence of them. And, for the most part, they were his stanchest allies.

His machine, too, was a testimonial to the work of which he was capable. As the system of the big-city political machine was going out of existence throughout the country, BILL GREEN was organizing and building a vote-getting operation that was second to none in the political history of this country. Through his intimate knoweldge of what was happening he could call with great accuracy the future of elections in this city and he could play a great part in forecasting the future of the State or the Nation.

His ability in this field gained him the friendship and the respect of Presidents. Probably the highest tribute paid to him was the presence of the President of the United States at his funeral and the attendance of the brother of the late President Kennedy. These were, indeed, rare tributes to a rare man.

History will probably record BILL GREEN as one of the great political people in American history. It will record his tremendous efforts in the field of voter registration, which gained him national fame. It will record his effort in creating a strong Democratic organization from the ruins in which it found itself after 70 years of opposite party rule. It will record his prediction that his party's candidate for Governor, Richardson Dilworth, could not win. And, last but not least, it will record the 320,000 majority in the 1960 presidential campaign.

By Representative James A. Byrne

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, the pontifical mass celebrated by Archbishop Krol of the city of Philadelphia Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul in commemoration of the death at the funeral of Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., was held on the 24th day of December 1963. His excellency, the Archbishop Krol, gave the eulogy during the religious ceremonies, touching upon the distinguished career of his intimate friend, Congressman WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR.—both as to his political activity and as a Catholic father and citizen. It is with a deep sense of humility that I present the memorable and prophetic words brilliantly rendered on that sacred day—given before a distinguished group of citizens and officials of the Nation, the city of Philadelphia and the State of Pennsylvania, including the President of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, Mayor James H. J. Tate and his cabinet, and Lieutenant Governor Shaffer, and Members of the U.S. Congress, city, State, and Federal judiciary, and other officials.

The eulogy follows:

PRAYERFUL REFLECTIONS AT THE FUNERAL OF REPRESENTATIVE WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR.

Death has brought us together in this cathedral on the vigil of Christmas. Mournfully, we pay final tribute to the memory of WILLIAM J. GREEN, JR., and pray for the happy repose of his immortal soul, as we lay his mortal remains to rest. The solemn strains and prayers of the Requiem Mass console us and strengthen our humble submission to the inscrutable decree of God, which summoned him who was so loved and revered as a husband, father, public servant, and friend.

There is no irreconcilable discord between birth and death; between the joy which attends the commemoration of Christ's birth, and the sorrow which attends the funeral of a dear one. I speak, not only from profound religious convictions, but also from personal experience. Five years ago this very day and this very hour, I offered a similar service at the funeral of my own father.

Christian joy and hope does not exist in a vacuum. Christian optimism is not an indefectible comfort which suppresses the tragic realities of life. Our joy derives from the hope of the victory that transcends all sorrow and tragedy; a victory in which we pass beyond sorrow and tragedy to glory with Christ crucified and Christ risen.

The annual preparation for the observance of the feast of Christ's birth, in the season of advent, contains a curious telescoping of time, merging the past, with the present and with the future. We are called upon to prepare for a fitting observance of the historical fact of Christ's coming. We are called upon to give that historic fact a visible and meaningful effect in contemporary reality in our own lives, by accepting Christ into our hearts, and evincing his presence by a holiness of life. Finally, we are called upon to prepare for the final coming of Christ in power and majesty as the judge of our every thought, word, and deed.

Throughout advent and the Christmas season, the church focuses the light of faith upon the very meaning of life, of history, of man and of our own being. While encouraging the traditional family joys, she points out the redemptive purposes of Christ's coming as the true source of our joy. We rejoice because Christ the Saviour, through His death and resurrection, opened for us the gates of heaven.

The Christmas holly may be viewed as a blood-spattered holly—with its red berries. In the midst of Christmas joys, the church on the day following Christmas observes the feast of St. Stephen—the first Christian to shed his blood as a martyr. Two days later the church observes the feast of the holy innocents, whose blood flowed freely in Herod's vain attempt to kill the promised Saviour. With true Christian realism, the church blends the joys and sorrows of life, and directs us to the victory with Christ crucified and risen, which transcends all sorrow and tragedy.

It is not my purpose to praise one who in life shunned words of praise. However, as the shepherd of the flock of Christ in Philadelphia, I find great comfort together with the family of the deceased in the pattern of life and of death of the deceased. He made a sincere effort to manifest in his life his acceptance of Christ's coming. He was a devoted son, husband, and father. He was faithful to his trust as a representative of his people. In his last illness, with true Christian realism he prepared for the coming of Christ in judgment.

Our burial prayers are as much for the comfort of the living as they are in supplication for God's mercy upon the dead. We extend our prayerful condolences to his devoted wife, mother, and children, who have given ample evidence of their resignation to the will of God; of their acceptance of the death of a beloved hus-

band and father as an act of God. We know that God will comfort and console them.

We pray that the almightly and merciful Father will help them to bear their cross, and not to languish in fruitless and unavailing grief, but will direct them to the Christian hope of victory which transcends all human sorrow and grief.

May the immortal soul of WILLIAM J. GREEN rest in peace.

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